

STATEWIDE **Carpoo** Parking Lot Program



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Introduction

This report contains locations and characteristics of the carpool parking lots administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Lot information is arranged by MDOT Region and listed by facility name (most often the name of a nearby community). Monitored carpool parking lot characteristics presented in this report include specific location, capacity, reported weekday vehicle count in 2005 and surface type.

Program Background

Michigan's Statewide Carpool Parking Lot Program was initiated during the energy crisis of the early 1970s. At that time, rising transportation costs caused by fuel scarcity prompted many motorists to begin carpooling on a larger scale than ever before. Lacking adequate and convenient parking facilities, commuters parked along roadsides and on private property. Potential safety problems associated with roadside parking provided the impetus for the development of the Statewide Carpool Parking Lot Program: an effort to provide safe and convenient parking facilities for Michigan carpoolers. Through the establishment of this program, MDOT has committed itself to the conservation of limited energy resources while responding to the needs of the state's travelers. Continued MDOT concern about safety as well as about air quality and congestion has led to further expansion of the program and the systematic improvement of existing carpool parking facilities.

The Statewide Carpool Parking Lot Program began as a pilot program in 1974 with eleven carpool parking lots located in five counties. Today, the system encompasses 217 carpool parking lots statewide providing commuters with 8,296 parking spaces, nearly 2,900 of which are occupied on the average weekday. The program is continuing to evolve and be improved as new lots are constructed, existing lots are improved and underused lots are closed.

Rideshare Program

Local Rideshare Offices (LROs) provide matching services for those interested in carpooling or vanpooling for the work commute. The thirteen LROs in Michigan are identified on page 4. If you are interested in finding others with whom to share a ride, please contact the agency closest to your work destination.

Local Rideshare Offices

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (The Ride)

2700 South Industrial Hwy.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
<http://theride.org/rideshare.asp>

Capital Area Transportation Authority

4615 Tranter Avenue
Lansing, MI 48910
<http://www.cata.org/rideshare/index.html>

Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission

2415 14th Avenue South
Escanaba, MI 49829

East Central Michigan Planning & Development Region

3144 Davenport Avenue, Suite 200
Saginaw, MI 48602-3494
http://www.ecmpdr.org/x_rideshare.htm

Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

1101 Beach Street, Room 223
Flint, MI 48502
<http://www.co.genesee.mi.us/gcmprc-plan/rideshare.htm>

Interurban Transit Partnership (The Rapid)

300 Ellsworth SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
http://www.ridetherapid.org/main/bts/car_and_van_pooling.htm

Jackson Transportation Authority (Jackson/Hillsdale Rideshare)

2350 East High Street
Jackson, MI 49203-3490
<http://www.jacksontransit.org/trans/services.asp>

Kalamazoo Metro Transit Community Ridesharing

530 North Rose Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
<http://www.kmetro.org>

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Alternative Commute Programs

535 Griswold, Suite 300
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.semco.org/Services/CommuterPrograms/RideShare/index.htm>

Southwestern Michigan Commission

185 E. Main Street, Suite 701
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
<http://www.swmicomm.org/swmc/rideshare.htm>

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission

P.O. Box 387
Muskegon, MI 49443-0387
<http://www.wmsrdc.org/programs/rideshare.htm>

Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Regional Commission

P.O. Box 365
Houghton, MI 49931
<http://www.wupprc.org/rideshare.htm>

Vanpool Office/MichiVan Contractor

VPSI, Inc.
31500 W. 13 Mile Road, Suite 215
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2172
<http://www.michivan.com>

Carpool Lots Per County

